



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: **RETARDING THE THERMAL
DEGRADATION OF POLYMERS USING
UNSATURATED ALIPHATIC COMPOUNDS**

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This is in response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003 in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed in view of the simultaneous filing of a Petition for Extension of Time for two months to and including February 23, 2004 (February 22, 2004 being a Sunday) including an authorization of payment of fees.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, as follows: